

# Hazard Risk Analysis

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This section introduces riots.

#### Definition

A riot is a violent public disorder, specifically a disturbance of the public peace by a group of persons with either a common or random intent to destroy property, assault persons or otherwise disturb the peace. Riots can be motivated for political reasons, or may be the result of escalating events like sporting or gaming events.

#### Discussion

When riots and looting occur, there is often a significant loss of property to businesses, infrastructure, or people's homes. The publicity that riots generate also serves to scare many community members or others in the area, for fear of a repeat event. This adds to the economic losses of the impacted area.

Often of equal or greater concern are the social and political impacts. When riots develop, there is a feeling that things are generally out of control; and this feeling of vulnerability and sense of helplessness adds to impact of the riot itself. The media tend to give a high priority to such events. Band leaders, politicians, and other authority figures quickly become accountable for the actions that were or were not taken to control the riot and the subsequent aftermath.

#### It Happened Here...

"The 2011 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot was a public disturbance that broke out in the downtown core of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The riots happened immediately after the conclusion of the Boston Bruins' win over the Vancouver Canucks in game seven of the Stanley Cup Finals, which won the Stanley Cup for Boston. At least 140 people were reported as injured during the incident, one critically; at least four people were stabbed, nine police officers were injured, and 101 people were arrested that night. As of July 2013, police have recommended 1,204 criminal charges against 352 suspected rioters."

Just after midnight on 7th August, 2008, vandals destroy nine of the world-famous "Tournament of Champions" sandcastles at Harrison Lake near the village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC. Each one was created by a team of previous world champions who were flown in by the Harrison Hotspring Sand Sculpture Society to build them in May 2008. Six of the vandalized sculptures

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had to be taken down because there was too much damage and each one of the sculptures costs \$15,000.

Following the Sand Castle Festival weekend in 1997, in Parksville, BC, store windows were smashed by a crowd of 600 to 1,000 young people - more than 100 arrests were made. The Sand Castle Festival was subsequently cancelled.

Hazard Rating				High Risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low Risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need More Info	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No	Need More Info	Not Applicable	FACTORS							
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riots can break out after a huge sports victory or loss. Does your community have a stadium, arena, or other sports venue where competitive games occur?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riots can occur during or after large gatherings such as concerts, festivals, rallies, and other community celebrations. Does your community host large gatherings?							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a riot has occurred in a community previously, the factors that triggered the riot may still exist, and puts the community at risk for a future riot. Has your community experienced riots in the past?							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heated or controversial elections can trigger a riot. Does your community have a history of heated and/or controversial elections?							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Celebratory riots are often composed of young people. Does your community host events where there are large numbers of young people in attendance?							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riots are often associated with high levels of alcohol consumption by participants. Does your community host events where large amounts of alcohol are consumed (by lots of individuals)?							

## Historical Events – General Information

**Please Note:** See your Provincial/Territorial Risk and Resilience Information Guides for additional resources, including information regarding your community emergency manager, contact with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, and provincial or territorial Emergency Management Organization (EMO). EMO websites generally provide information specific to the hazards in your territory or province. Band websites or regional Aboriginal community websites can provide more information.

Resources
<p>The “Canadian Disasters - An Historical Survey” website by Robert L. Jones provides a great list of past disasters which have occurred since the 1500s in Canada and have resulted in at least 20 deaths.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://web.ncf.ca/jonesb/DisasterPaper/disasterpaper.html">http://web.ncf.ca/jonesb/DisasterPaper/disasterpaper.html</a></p> <p>Keywords: Canadian disasters historical survey</p>
<p>The Public Safety Canada “Canadian Disaster Database” contains a list of past disasters in Canada.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/em/cdd/srch-eng.aspx">http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/em/cdd/srch-eng.aspx</a></p> <p>Keywords: Canada disaster database</p>
<p>Wikipedia has a list of disasters in Canada and links to various events; however, it does not have a lot of information about British Columbia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_disasters_in_Canada">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_disasters_in_Canada</a></p> <p>Keywords: Canada disasters wiki</p>
<p>SOS! Canadian Disasters is supported by Library and Archives Canada, and provides some interesting stories on historical events and also has a great website on an education program (Grades 7 to 12) on understanding hazards and disasters in Canada.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/sos/index-e.html">http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/sos/index-e.html</a></p> <p>Keywords: sos! Canada library archives</p>
<p>CBC Archives have a wide variety of news clips on historical and current disasters in Canada as well as educational information on hazards for teachers. On the CBC Digital Archives webpage, search for “disaster” in their own keyword search bar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.cbc.ca/cgi-bin/MT4/mt-search.cgi?search=disaster&amp;IncludeBlogs=777&amp;limit=20">http://www.cbc.ca/cgi-bin/MT4/mt-search.cgi?search=disaster&amp;IncludeBlogs=777&amp;limit=20</a></p> <p>Keywords: CBC archives, Disaster</p>

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